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## **SUPERVISOR ROMO WEST HELPS DEDICATE NEW WOMEN'S TREATMENT UNIT AT MENTAL HEALTH COMPLEX**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West was proud to be on hand as Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division (BHD) dedicated a new Women's Treatment Unit (WTU) at the Mental Health Complex in Wauwatosa Monday afternoon.

"This is one of four redesigned acute treatment units at BHD, and these specialty units will more closely meet the needs of our clients," said Supervisor Romo West, Chairwoman of the County Board's Health & Human Needs Committee. "I thank the members of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Redesign Task Force, my colleagues on the County Board, mental health advocates, and the staff at BHD for making this new unit possible."

The WTU will provide a safe and caring environment for women experiencing combinations of severe and persistent mental health symptoms, substance abuse issues, and significant trauma. Women can either self-select or be referred to the WTU for treatment. The unit will have 21 beds with an average stay of 13 days.

"This announcement is exciting, as the Health & Human Needs Committee has studied and followed this project from concept to fruition," Supervisor Romo West added. "It's great that this unit is dedicated to women, allowing them the option to heal in a comfortable environment."

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